



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE... -- Taking care of business at Broken Arrow's City Hall is getting easier all the time. An example is the new Utility Payment drop box which has been placed in the parking lot immediately east of City Hall -- on the northeast corner of the Dallas and First Street intersection. The box replaces the drive-through window at City Hall, and ties in with the new One Stop Center being completed on the north end of City Hall.

City Addressing Utility Service Challenges

Providing water and sewer service to a community of more than 70,000 residents was a huge challenge for the City of Broken Arrow utilities department personnel 15 years ago. But it was a piece of cake compared to the challenge of meeting the needs of 94,000 residents in an age which sees more and more of those residents ready and able to take advantage of technology in their everyday lives.

This sizzling summer of 2005 has pointed out the need for a water delivery system which keeps the tanks around the city filled. A brief voluntary lawn watering cutback was put in place July 22 when continued 100-degree days increased water usage to levels above what current City supply lines could provide.

Assistant City Manager Dave Wooden explained that the normal daily water use is 9 million gallons. On those hot summer days, the usage can soar to 24 million gallons. The single water line which had been serving the community had a max of 22 million gallons per day. In addition, it was in very poor condition.

For several months the City has been replacing most of that old 24-inch line with a new 48-inch and 36-inch line. Six miles of the 48-incher were due to be in place July 29. That will expand the pumping capacity to more than 24 million gallons per day. When the entire line is in place, that number will jump to 37 million!

In addition, the City has added new features that take advantage of technology, such as the Click 2 Gov system for paying bills and accessing utility accounts on line. Add to that a new Automatic Bill Payment Plan, that allows customers to set up a bank draft to pay bills automatically. For information on that plan, go to the City's web site: http://www.brokenarrowok.gov/our-citizens/quality_life/water_sewer.htm

Voters Asked to Approve Change in EOC, Fire Station

In a city-wide election scheduled for Sept. 13, registered voters will be asked to approve an amendment to a 2004 bond project to construct an Emergency Operation Center and fire station. The original wording of the project would have created the two facilities together, with a portion of the EOC constructed underground.

The proposed amendment would allow for a separate EOC facility, none of it underground, and a separate fire station which would not replace an existing station, but add to the City's current five stations.

Subsequent to the May 11, 2004, election which saw voters approve the \$12,770,000 public safety utility bonds, City officials have further evaluated the cost of the proposed projects, made additional reviews of response times for fire and EMS runs and the development in the northern part of the city. Originally, the plan was to close Fire Station No. 2 and move it to a location adjacent to the Justice Center on First Place.

With all of the growth in the northern portion of the community, however, Fire Department officials feel it would be more important to build a new station in that area and leave Station No. 2 open.

The City's Legal Counsel determined that in order to make those changes, voters would have to approve the amendment to the 2004 bond issue project.

Of the \$12,770,000 approved in 2004 for public safety projects, \$7,500,000 was authorized for "acquisition, construction, equipping and furnishing" the emergency operation center "to be located in south central Broken Arrow, including a fire station to replace an existing fire station." The Sept. 13 ballot will ask voters to authorize the City to construct

the new EOC adjacent to the existing BA Police Department and build a new fire station at a site to be determined in north Broken Arrow.

Winds of Change Blow Both Opportunities and Challenges

Change seems continuous in Broken Arrow. Population growth maintains a rapid pace; new businesses announce construction, and the very fabric of our culture and society changes. Many welcome these constant changes, but others are uncomfortable, and may, like all of us sometimes, long for the "good old days."

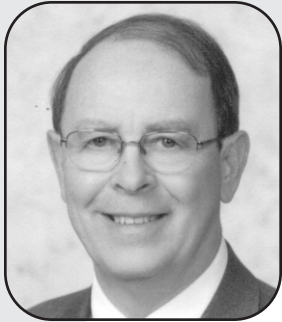
Like it or not, Broken Arrow is not the same city it was in 1960, 1990, or even at the millennium in 2000. Excellent schools, affordable housing choices, and other factors continue to attract families and individuals from Tulsa and other areas, causing both the landscape and the makeup of Broken Arrow to be in constant flux.

City government has the opportunity and the challenge to ensure that the growth is high quality, with infrastructure and services capable of serving a growing population. Your City Council feels that part of our responsibility is to help attract businesses that provide not only goods and services, but also generate sales tax revenue to fund police and fire protection. We also must plan for the future to make sure that future generations will have adequate water and sewer systems, streets, and public parks and recreation.

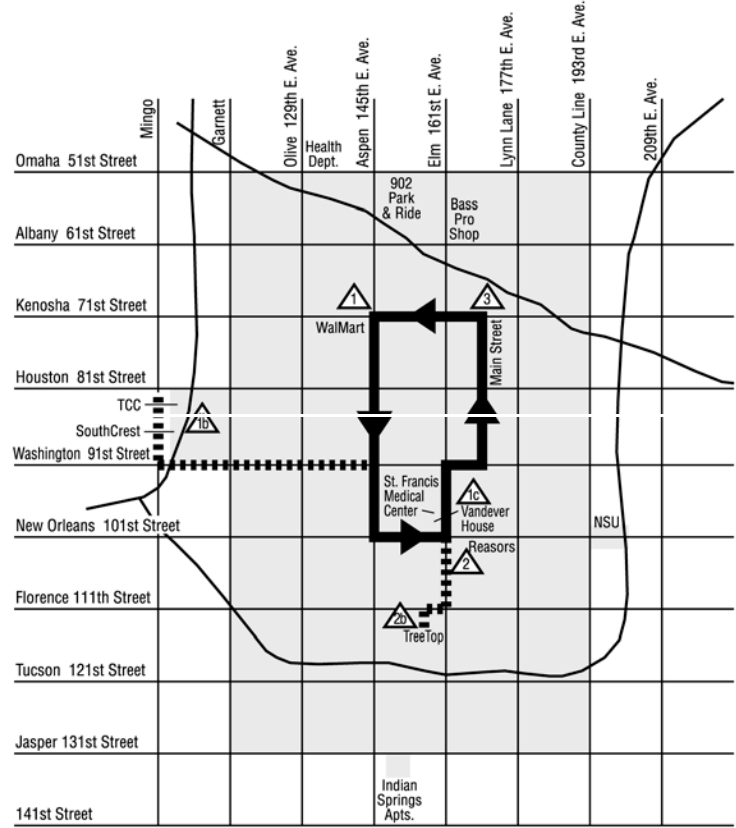
As a society, all of us have the opportunity to assist our community through volunteerism with the city, charities, schools, and churches. We have the chance to broaden our outlook by welcoming newcomers of other ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds and making them glad they chose Broken Arrow.

The challenge to all of us is to be receptive to change, and work to make it a good thing, not just for us, but also for our children and grandchildren. It's something I know the people of Broken Arrow can and will do. That's the kind of community we have!

Best Wishes,
Mayor Richard Carter



Mayor Carter



NEW BUS ROUTE FOR BA -- The map above shows the Tulsa Transit Bus Route #508 for the city of Broken Arrow. Tulsa Transit began operating the Broken Arrow Bus Service Aug. 1. The route begins at 6:20 a.m., Monday through Friday, at the Wal-Mart at Kenosha and Aspen and concludes each day at 6:16 p.m. at Kenosha and Main. Tulsa Transit points out that "due to the flexible nature of this route, the times listed on the schedule are approximate." The vehicle may arrive 10 minutes before or 10 minutes after the schedule time to allow for route deviations. Adult fares are \$1.25 cash, with 18-under \$1 and reduced fare for seniors 62 and over (with a Reduced Fare ID card) 60 cents. A 10-ride Farecard is \$10 for adults and \$8 for 18-under.

Fireworks Permit Ordinance Draws Favorable Comments in Survy

The City's first year with fireworks permits drew mixed reactions from citizens, but a survey on the BA Police Department web site produced overwhelming support for the new system over the Independence Day holiday.

Of the 406 respondents to the survey, 62 percent were in favor and only 35 percent opposed. In a report to the City Council at its July 18 meeting, Police Chief Todd Wuestewald said that there were 1,640 fireworks permits issued at \$20 each. The police and fire overtime enforcement from June 15 through July 6 came to 624 hours, or \$18,147. One of the main objectives of the sale of permits was to provide enough revenue that more officers could actually be on the streets to answer complaint calls from citizens.

There were 301 total complaint calls from June 16 through July 6, or 30 percent fewer than in 2004. And yet there were 64 citations written -- compared to 6 the year before. Compliance checks by police and fire department personnel on July 3 and 4 showed that more than 90 percent of those using fireworks on those dates were holders of permits.

A real key of the new ordinance was the reduction in complaint calls for fireworks shot off after 11 p.m. -- the cutoff time for those with permits. Concerns of citizens will be considered by the committee working on revisions to the ordinance.

SAMSON RETIRES -- Samson, a 9-year-old German Shepherd who has been a popular member of the Broken Arrow Police Department's K-9 unit, has been forced into retirement due to a worsening condition of hip dysplasia. Officer Mike Shaw, who has been Samson's handler and partner, is claiming the dog after Samson was declared surplus property. The City Council approved the request, as it has several times in the past. The 2005-06 Fiscal Year Budget allows for the purchase of a replacement K-9.



Tulsa Transit Begins Operation of BA Buses

The Broken Arrow Bus System officially became a part of Tulsa Transit Aug. 1.

The transition was made after several weeks of discussions between City of Broken Arrow officials, the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority and citizens in Broken Arrow.

Tulsa Transit offers a fixed route, #508 Broken Arrow, with 30-minute frequency that will circle the business district Monday through Friday. The service will also deviate from the route to pick up customers in most other parts of the community (see the shaded area of the map at the left) with advance reservations.

That #508 BA route will connect with Route #318 at Tulsa Community College or Southcrest Hospital on certain trips. For connections at other times of the day, a reservation for a deviation will be necessary. The new route will also be able to connect to Route 902 Express at Battlecreek Church with a reservation. Reservations for Dial-A-Ride trips will be limited. You may call 582-2100 for those reservations.

Tulsa Transit's same fares, farecards and passes will apply to service in Broken Arrow. No additional fare will be charged for Dial-A-Ride trips. Bus stop signs will be installed, and bus benches and a few covered shelters will be considered for the new service in Broken Arrow. There will also be a new park-and-ride location at 145th (Aspen) and the BA Expressway. The bus will also make a stop at Memorial Midtown Station before it goes downtown to provide even more options.

Helpful City Phone Numbers

City Hall (Main No.)	251-5311
Police Department	451-8200
Emergencies	911
Animal Control	259-8311
Action Center	258-3587
Fire Dept.	259-8360
Parks & Rec.	259-8380
Maintenance Center	259-8373
Municipal Court /Traffic Fines	451-8558
Utility Payment/Water Dept.	259-8409
One Stop Center	259-8333
Park Grove Cemetery	259-8691
Community Center	259-8437
Central Pool	259-8695
Battle Creek Golf Course	355-4850
City Manager's Office	259-8419
City Legal Department	259-8422
After Hours Emergencies for Water, Sewer	
451-8400	

Community Calendar

- Aug. 11** -- First day of school for Broken Arrow Public Schools.
- Aug. 15** -- First day of kindergarten for BA Public Schools
- Aug. 19** -- "Bike to Work Day," sponsored by Tulsa Area Ride Share and Clean Cities program. INCOG and Tulsa Commuter Choice Program are offering the program to help improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion through the Ozone Alert season. For details, click here.* (PDF, 125 KB)
- Aug. 20** -- Chamber of Commerce "EXPO '05", and trade show, showcasing area businesses. At the BA Community Center in Central Park, 1500 S. Main. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call the BA Chamber at 251-1518.
- Sept. 10** -- Miss Broken Arrow Scholarship Pageant, starts at 7:30 p.m., in the North Intermediate High School auditorium.
- Sept. 16-18** -- 2005 LPGA Tour John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic at Cedar Ridge Country Club in Broken Arrow.
- Sept. 16** -- BA Neighbors Wine Tasting Event fundraiser. At the Home Builders Association building in Tulsa, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Featuring Grady Nichols Jazz Band. Call Kate at 277-6021 for details.
- Sept. 19** -- Chamber of Commerce annual Golf Tournament at Forest Ridge Golf Club. Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m.